



ENGAGING NEIGHBOURS AND NATIONS



FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH
WORLD MISSIONS
CONFERENCE

SUN 16 – SUN 23 AUGUST 2026

WELCOME TO THE WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2026



Figtree Anglican Church has been running this annual conference for 13 years. Why? Because we believe that world mission matters.

We do this each year as an encouragement and reminder to us of Jesus' words in the Great Commission, to all who follow Him, to *"... go and make disciples of all nations"* (Matthew 28:19).



This means that while we are about mission to Figtree and our surrounding suburbs, we are also about mission much further afield.

This year our theme, 'Engaging Neighbours and Nations', comes from Dr Tim Silberman's book of the same title. The book is about examining the impact of global mission in a local church. We're delighted to have Tim as our guest speaker throughout the conference, preaching across two Sundays and engaging in discussion about mission during the week.

The conference will endeavour to:

- **Build our biblical understanding of mission** through our Sunday preaching and events.
- **Challenge us to be personally on mission** - whether long or short term, next door or somewhere you have never been before. We'll hear stories and meet those in mission.
- **Raise support for our Mission Partners.** We will present seven key Mission Partners for you to consider giving to over the week. Our prayer is that we can raise \$100,000.

The Missions Team and the Ministry Team are thankful for all those who will be serving during the week, and are excited for this time of intentional focus on God's mission. We hope you are too and we pray that God is at work in our hearts and minds during the week, to bring us on board with His mission in any way He wants – to go, send, serve ... to the ends of the earth.



KEY SPEAKER

DR TIM SILBERMAN

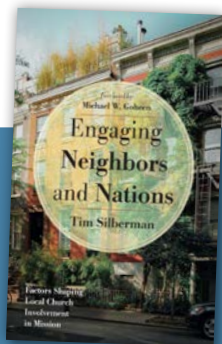
Dr Tim Silberman is part of the Sydney Missionary and Bible College (SMBC) Centre for Cross-Cultural Mission and lectures in missions units.

Tim began his studies at SMBC and completed his Master of Divinity in 2006 before joining the faculty in 2007.

Since then, he has completed his Master of Theology in the field of intercultural leadership development and led annual mission trips to various countries, including four months with his family in India in 2012.

Tim helped to design and launch The Bridge Program (gap year program for 18-21s) and served as its director from 2015-2017. In 2021, he completed his doctoral studies exploring the involvement of Australian local churches in mission.

Tim is married to Peggy and they have two daughters and a son. He attends St Paul's Anglican Church in Canterbury, and enjoys running, cycling, reading and spending time with his family.



Tim is the author of *Engaging Neighbors and Nations*, which explores the factors influencing local church participation in mission both locally and around the world. He identifies a range of theological, missiological, and organisational influences on mission practice.

This book is for those who long to see local churches committed to engaging both their neighbours and the nations in mission, growing our understanding of how to encourage helpful church practices for the sake of Christ.

MISSION PARTNERS 2026

AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

Church Engagement Project



FUNDING
TARGET:

\$15,000

For more than 60 years, African Enterprise (AE) has been sharing the gospel across the cities of Africa through word and deed, partnering with local churches to reach every level of society through its distinctive model of stratified evangelism. Under the leadership of Simba Musvamhiri, AE Australia has grown significantly, mobilising prayer, resources, and support for gospel ministry across the continent.

Through a strategic partnership with FAC, there is an opportunity to fund a Church Partnership Officer (2–3 days per week) to strengthen relationships with Australian churches, increase awareness of AE's ministry and pastor training, and grow prayer and financial support. The role would also promote transformational initiatives such as the Centre for Champions in Rwanda and emergency appeals like Seba Kare in Ethiopia, helping more churches participate in God's work across Africa.

africanenterprise.com.au

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for more than 60 years of gospel impact and transformed lives through AE's ministry across Africa.
- Pray for protection, wisdom, and courage for AE teams, volunteers, and their families, particularly as political landscapes change.
- Pray for Africa's young and rapidly growing population. Ask God to draw many young people to faith in Christ, raise up a new generation of disciples and leaders, and use them to spread the Gospel.
- Pray for Simba Musvamhiri and the Australian ministry team.
- Pray for God's provision and blessing over all AE ministry and Aid & Development projects.
- Pray for increased prayer, financial, and relational support from churches and individuals in Australia and around the world.



BIBLE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

Equipping Indigenous Bible Translators

FUNDING
TARGET:

\$20,000

FAC's support helps train aspiring First Nations Bible translators through the Certificate II in Bible Translation at Nungalinga College in Darwin.

This entry-level program is crucial for the continuation and renewal of translation work in Indigenous first languages, particularly in the Northern Territory.

The course teaches students to read and write in their Indigenous language, as well as Bible translation process and principles, forming an essential foundation for those interested in becoming Bible translators and ensuring the Gospel speaks powerfully across generations and cultures.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for safety and protection for the translators as they travel from remote communities to Darwin for translation workshops.
- Pray for new and younger translators to be trained.
- Thank God for and continue praying for, the translation workshops at the college.





BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Trent and Alice McGrath | The Village Church, Jindabyne

FUNDING
TARGET:

\$15,000

The Village Church (TVC) exists in the rural, albeit frequently visited, town of Jindabyne in the NSW Snowy Mountains. Trent McGrath is the only theologically trained and ordained, full-time Anglican minister in the Snowy Monaro region.

Over the last six years, TVC has become a spiritual home for many Christians to worship Jesus and grow in their faith, while also serving as a 'home away from home' church to those seasonal visitors who come to work and play on the mountain during winter. By God's grace, we long to see hundreds of people come to know Jesus and make Him known.

bushchurchaid.com.au
thevillagechurch.com.au

PRAYER POINTS

- Please join us in praying for our Term 3 Alpha course. Pray for seekers to find Jesus and for our team to have joy in serving!
- Please keep praying for our building project. It was paused recently so we could develop it further into something more suitable for immediate and future use. Pray for God to provide the way and the means to complete it!
- Please pray for our family. Alice is in a full-time winter job, which has added a new dimension to family life and adjustments for all of us. Pray that we would grow in thankfulness for God's provision, and make the most of our reduced time together.



ELIZABETH IN THE MIDDLE EAST

FUNDING
TARGET:

\$15,000

Elizabeth serves and trains young adults in a Middle East church where over 110 different nations are represented every week. FAC's partnership helps the church steward the many gospel opportunities arising there. A particular prayer for the church is that being a disciple of Jesus would become the driving priority for those who have recently come to know Him.

Elizabeth is working in the region long-term, developing language skills and building relationships with young people. This includes running training courses and exploring future ministry opportunities.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that Elizabeth may continue to serve the Lord with His wisdom, strength, guidance and power, and be continually filled with His love, peace, grace and closeness.
- Pray that she would keep bearing fruit in her ministry to multiple language groups, and through the courses she runs in English and Arabic.
- Give thanks for the many nations Elizabeth ministers to, and pray that as people come and go, she would equip them to know and share Jesus' love back in their homeland.
- Pray for the Gospel in the Middle East, especially amid regional war and unrest.
- Pray for ongoing provision and for the long-term ministry opportunities ahead.

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION

African Youth Projects



FUNDING
TARGET:

\$15,000

Evangelism Explosion (EE) is partnering with churches across Africa, and using the EE4G tool to equip indigenous Christian leaders to equip the next generation to reach their peers. Rod Story is working alongside African EE and denominational leaders to develop these partnerships across the continent.

In 2027, the EE4G team will return to Nigeria for the three-week Changemakers program, equipping around 30 leaders from at least 10 denominations in discipleship and evangelism. These leaders will then return home to train others, creating a multiplying gospel impact across their regions.

Several members of Figtree Anglican Church have already served in Africa, helping equip local leaders to faithfully reach young people with the good news of Jesus for generations to come.

evangelismexplosion.org



PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the recent EE4G conference in Nigeria. Following last year's conference, where more than 40 delegates were trained, the ministry expanded to 10 locations and over 70 young people responded to the Gospel. A follow-up conference has now been held in Lagos.
- Pray for the three Anglican ministry champions - Duke Aruquo, Ofili Chuks and Ogwuelcke Precious - as they lead the ministry within the Anglican Church. Pray especially for Ogwuelcke in his additional role as the full-time national EE4G coordinator.
- Pray for the 10 coordinators serving across other denominations throughout Nigeria as they establish and grow the ministry in their regions.
- Pray for the next conference in the coming 12 months, where 30 Nigerian leaders will participate in the three-week Changemakers discipleship program. Pray they will be equipped to train others, strengthen youth ministry across Nigeria, and see continued gospel growth.



OPEN DOORS

Supporting the persecuted church in India

FUNDING
TARGET:

\$10,000

Through trusted local partners and the generosity of churches like FAC, this project could help strengthen about 600 vulnerable Christians in India facing growing persecution and social pressure.

Your partnership could equip believers through four key areas: emotional and mental healing; social awareness and community reconciliation; biblical and discipleship training; and economic survival and sustenance.

Together, these initiatives help the church in India build resilience, respond to persecution with biblical wisdom, and remain active and effective in sharing the hope of Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for wisdom and fairness among local authorities and government leaders, that they would uphold justice and help create an environment where Christians can practice their faith freely.
- Pray that believers will remain steadfast in their faith in Jesus, respond with love, and continue encouraging one another despite the challenges they face.
- Pray that this project will strengthen local churches and equip Christians to grow in faith, support one another, and share the hope of Christ in their communities.



SOUTH EAST ASIA

Matt and Kez

FUNDING
TARGET:

\$10,000

Matt and Kez, together with their children, will soon be serving in South East Asia through Bible teaching and discipleship to strengthen under-resourced theological education. Their work helps to train and equip local students and their families.

Their vision for the work is Colossians 2:6-7: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for theological education in SE Asia.
- Pray for their family during transitions.

GIVING TO OUR MISSION PARTNERS

All giving that is directed to a specific Mission Partner will be allocated exclusively to that partner, regardless of whether the fundraising target for that partner has already been achieved.

In addition to the option of direct giving to a Mission Partner(s), a person can also choose to give to a General Mission Fund.

HOW TO GIVE

DIRECT DEBIT

Give via direct debit to the FAC account as one-off or regular giving.

Indicating your name is optional, but doing so assists our church leadership to understand our overall giving patterns.

Name: Figtree Anglican Church
BSB: 032 686 | Acc: 141209

To ensure funds get allocated to our Mission Partners giving, please include the following codes in your reference:

African Enterprise: **WMC AE**
Bible Society: **WMC BS**
BCA Jindabyne: **WMC BCA**
Elizabeth in the Middle East: **WMC EME**
EE African Youth Projects: **WMC EEA**
Open Doors India: **WMC OD**
Matt & Kez SE Asia: **WMC PIO**
General Mission Fund: **WMC GMF**
Conference Costs: **WMC COSTS**

WEB GIVING

Give online at:
figtree.church/wmc

Giving via the website uses an app called STRIPE that incurs a fee of approximately 2%.



BY PHONE

You can give over the phone via EFTPOS.

For more information or assistance with giving, please email us at: **accounts@figtree.church** or call 4272 1322 during business hours.

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EVENTS

SUNDAY, 16 AUGUST

CHURCH SERVICES

Speaker: Dr Tim Silberman

*with Mission Partners:
Evangelism Explosion, Pioneers,
& Open Doors*

8am, 10am + 6pm

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST

TALKING FAITH: MISSION EDITION*

Speaker: Dr Tim Silberman

7-9pm • FAC Hub

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST

WOMEN ALIVE

with Kezia Phillips (Pioneers)

9:30am • FAC Foyer

FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST

VOX FM 106.9

Mission Spot: Noon-1pm

FRI 21 – SAT 22 AUGUST

24 HOURS OF PRAYER*

6pm Fri – 6pm Sat • FAC Hub

SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST

WORLD MISSIONS DINNER*

**with key Mission Partners and
Q&A with Dr Tim Silberman**

6-9pm • FAC

\$15 per adult, \$10 per child

SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST

CHURCH SERVICES

Speaker: Dr Tim Silberman

*with Mission Partners:
African Enterprise, Bible Society,
BCA, and CMS*

8am, 10am + 6pm

MISSIONS EXPO

After the 8am, 10am & 6pm services,
and from 4-6pm

**Please register online for these events.*

FIND OUT MORE

For event info and registration, plus more about
our Mission Partners and how to support them,
visit **figtree.church/wmc**

